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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Salas et al ("Salas", USP 6314408).

Regarding claims 1 and 18, Salas teaches a method for creating a place type (template) from which new places can be created in collaboration space, comprising the steps of creating a first place and saving said first place (col 7, lines 5-9) including a configuration of membership, at least one room form and included page form, and at least one skin group for a team project (col 4, lines 17-29), responsive to a user command (inherent), saving said first place as a place type template from which other places may be created with said configuration in said collaboration space (col 6, lines 36-64). Salas also teaches that the skin group defining a page read display mode, a page edit display mode (col 4, lines 56-64), a folder list (col 5, lines 11-16) and response display mode (col 16, lines 56-61), and headline display mode (col 8, lines 59-60).

Regarding claim 12, Salas teaches a method for creating a place type (template) from which new places may be created in collaboration space comprising the steps of creating a first place and saving said first place (col 7, lines 5-9) including a configuration of membership, at least one room form and included page form, and at least one skin group for a team project (col 4, lines 17-29), responsive to a user command (inherent), saving said first place as a place type template from which other places may be created with said configuration in said collaboration space (col 6, lines 36-64). Salas also teaches that the skin group defining a page read display mode, a page edit display mode (col 4, lines 56-64), a folder list (col 5, lines 11-16) and response display mode (col 16, lines 56-61), and headline display mode (col 8, lines 59-60).

Regarding claims 2 and 19, Salas teaches responsive to a user selecting a create a collaboration space place action from a browser user interface, displaying a list of custom place types (col 4, lines 62-63); receiving from said user a name of a custom place type from said list, together with a name for a new place, user name and password (col 13, lines 37-40); and responsive to verification of said user as authorized by user name and password, creating a new place from said custom place type (col 4, lines 56-66).

Regarding claims 3 and 13, Salas teaches the steps of organizing said collaboration space according to an object model selectively including room (eRoom), folder (col 6, line 49), page (col 4, lines 63-64), member (col 3, line 2).

Regarding claims 4 and 16, Salas teaches that said place type being implemented as a directory within said room type (col 2, lines 51-52).

Regarding claims 5 and 15, Salas teaches the customize said collaboration space by integrating external technology (col 4, lines 17-24).

Regarding claim 6, Salas teaches the granting authority to an authorized user to access said place type and create a new place from said place type (col 4, lines 62-63); and responsive to a request from said authorized user, modifying said new place (col 11, lines 31-33).

Regarding claim 7, Salas teaches the creation other places having the format, look and feel of said first place (col 4, lines 17-25).

Regarding claims 8 and 17, Salas teaches the including membership (col 4, lines 60-61).

Regarding claim 9, Salas teaches that in response a user request, displaying at said browser changes made to said place type (col 16, lines 29-33).

Regarding claim 10, Salas teaches the updating and modifying place (col 13, lines 3-7).

Regarding claim 11, Salas teaches a method for creating a place type (template) from which new places may be created in collaboration space, comprising the steps of creating a first place, saving said first place as a place type template (col 7, lines 5-9) from which other places may be created (col 4, lines 17- 29) said collaboration space (col 6, lines 36-64); and responsive to place manager selection: selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said other place by not presenting decorate options in said

place type (col 11, lines 52-55); selectively displaying a description of said place type (col 6, lines 40-48); creating said new place from said place type template (col 10, lines 1-6); displaying source information for said place type template, including name and address of collaboration space place on which said place type is based (col 10, lines 8-21); selectively hide or redisplay names and descriptions of place types in said list of available place types (col 8, lines 23-25, lines 59-60); selectively update new places created using said place for manipulating functionality provided by said place type template type when said place type changes (col 10, lines 31-350); and selectively copying said place type from a server on which said place type was created to another server (col 2, lines 36-37).

Regarding claim 14, Salas teaches a browser (col 11, lines 25-30).

3. Applicant's arguments filed 02/24/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's argument that "[t]here is no teaching that the input to the page builder, or that the resulting template, is provided by or created from a previously existing eRom ...or place", it is noted that the feature in which the input is provided or created from a previously existing eRom is not claimed.

In response to Applicant's argument that the feature "saving said first place as a place type from which other places may be created" is not taught by Salas et al, it is noted that Salas does teach this feature. Page 7, line 5 teaches a template (first place) is created. Page 6, line 26 teaches that the template is retrieved (this means that the

template was saved). Steps 502, 504, 506, and 508 in Fig. 5 teach the creating pages (other places) from the retrieved template (saved first place).

Therefore, claims as amended with the limitation "place type from which new places may be created" are not found to be distinctive from the teaching of Salas.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kieu D. Vu whose telephone number is (703-605-1232). The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca, can be reached on (703- 308-3116).

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

(703)-872-9306

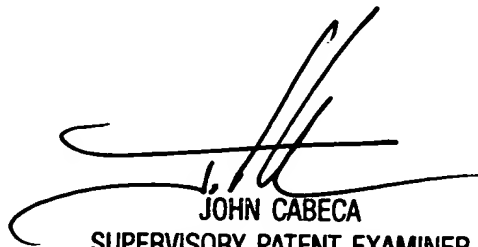
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703-305-3900).

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